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Dear Colleagues,

As already promised in the previous newsletter, here’s the second one specifying details on the planned congress taking place from 8th – 10th March 2017.

The program committee has been busy, and we are convinced that we are about to get up something new and great. We offer refresher courses and exciting interactive lectures for each specialist field - continuing education that will turn to profit for everyone in practice. In particular, we’d like to draw your attention to the parallel courses for practice staff taking place all Thursday, and the optics and biometrics course on Friday held by Professors Preussner and Wahl, as well as the SVA workshop and the patient event arranged by Retina Suisse.

The first highlight, however, will already be on Wednesday, featuring a top notch uveitis continuing education course and a dacryology issue (interactive refresher course in blepharitis, sicca, rosacea and lacrimal ducts). This day is conceived as “Journée Romande”.

We hope you enjoy studying this newsletter which is meant to whet your appetite for more of what the SAoO intends to achieve.
"The concept [of the foundation, note] is intended to enable good medicine for practitioners out there, in the Emmental or in the Bündnerland."

In its edition 5/2016, the periodical Ophta presented an interview with Dr. Dietmar Thumm, President of the Swiss Academy of Ophthalmology Foundation, discussing topics such as the independence of the foundation or the uniqueness and quality criteria of the new congress. Dr. Thumm also talked about his motivation to establish a foundation for ophthalmology in Switzerland.

The president’s detailed statement will soon be available on the website. Therefore, it’s always worth having a look at www.saoo.ch/en.
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Incidental finding in an 81-year-old patient with pseudophakia, diagnostic findings almost identical on both sides.
Full vision, no pathological findings at the endothelium when examined with slit lamp.

Only one eye is shown here.

RESOLUTION
This is a Wessely ring in the condition following a primary varicella infection.

FURTHER READING

• Ring Corneal Infiltrate and Progressive Ring Thinning Following Primary Varicella Infection

ABSTRACT
Unilateral stromal keratitis is a known rare sequela of primary varicella infection. The authors describe a unique case of immunological (Wessely) ring formation and progressive ring thinning following primary varicella infection in a 6-year-old girl.
• **Glaucoma Breakthrough 2016: Early Detection and Experimental Drug Could Help With Vision Loss, Researchers Say**

**COMMENT DR. DIETMAR THUMM**

This is an online article of “medical daily” picking up various publications and studies. At the IOVS it has been shown that the new angiography OCT is able to depict various types and differences of blood circulation in the choroid and the retina (different types of blood circulation patterns correlate with certain forms of glaucoma), and it seems possible for the first time to preclinically determine, on the basis of this information alone, high-risk patients for glaucoma. Of course, this sounds very promising and would be a minor revolution.

The article also briefly deals with NT-501 ECT developed by the Byers Institute at the Stanford University, which consists of encapsulated human cells genetically modified to secrete neurotrophic factors stimulating the ganglion cells. This therapy, too, seems to stir up hopes that one day we’ll be able to repair ganglion cells that have already been affected by glaucomatous damage.

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• **Statement of the DOG (German Ophthalmological Society) and the BVA (Professional Association of German Ophthalmologists) regarding the use of image analysis of the optic nerve papilla in case of a glaucoma.**

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